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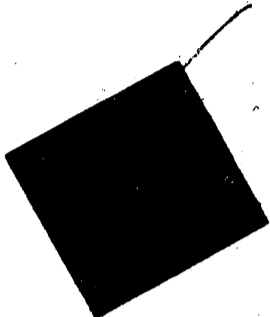
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22 MAY

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TELEGRAM FROM

E 4374/84/31

No.

M Duff Cooper

Dated

Paris

Received in Registry

417

20 May 1947

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S.S. 'ANAK'

Refer Rome tel 1142 (E 4263/84/31)  
French state that 'Anak' was not allowed  
to embark any passengers and left set in  
ballast, there is nevertheless possibility that  
passengers were ferried out to her.

Last Paper.

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JB, May 28

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr Duff Cooper.  
No. 417  
20th May, 1947.  
Repeated to Rome

D. 11. 22 p.m. 20th May, 1947.

R. 10. 00 a.m. 21st May, 1947.

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Foreign Office please repeat to Rome as my telegram No. 72.

Rome telegram No. 1142 to you. *E# 5 426 3/54/31*

Illegal Jewish Vessel Anal.

French state that Anal was not allowed to embark any passengers in France and left Sete in ballast. There is nevertheless possibility that passengers were secretly ferried out to her.

2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs have instructed French North African ports and especially Tunis to watch for the vessel.

3. French have not been informed of possibility that she might be returned coastwise to Sete.

[Repeated to Rome].

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Registry Number } E 4391/84/31.

TELEGRAM FROM

No. M' Ellison  
Panama.

Dated 63.  
Received in Registry } 20 May 1947  
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J.S. ANAK

Refer KV. 61 (E 4201/84/31) mentioned matter of ANAK to official of Ministry of Foreign Affairs who said instructions have been sent already to Panama representation in Rome. He also mentioned that recent scurrilous remarks in Daily Mirror had aroused great resentment in view of helpful attitude taken by Panamanian Govt.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

References.

Sr. Morales also complained about this article. I told him we much appreciated Panamanian authorities' helpful attitude and would do all we could to discourage such publicity. Draft to Panama.

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30 May

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M.S.  
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News Dept.

NA Dept.

J.S. Beins  
May 27

Replied the Panamanian Minister, with whom we took the line that much as we deplored it, we could not interfere with the freedom of the press.

Tel. sent

J.B. May 29

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FROM PANAMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr Ellison.  
No. 63

D. 8.50 p.m. 20th May, 1947.

20th May, 1947.

R. 5.40 a.m. 21st May, 1947.

///

Your telegram No. 61.

Illegal Immigration to Palestine.

I took the opportunity which arose this morning to mention the matter of the s.s. Anai to official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He said instructions have been sent already to Panama representative in Rome.

2. At the same time he made it quite clear that the recent scurrilous article in the Daily Mirror has aroused great resentment in view of the helpful action taken already by the Panamanian Government in similar cases. Reasonable Panamanians relise our press is free and discount such irresponsible outbursts, but some ill-feeling is bound to remain. I am doing my utmost to recover friendly atmosphere.

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PANAMA.

Telegram.

No. 68

Date. May 30<sup>th</sup>

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May, 1947.

Your telegram No. 63 [of May 20th:  
Jewish illegal immigration].  
*an Minister and* Panamanian Consul-General *also* *have both*  
*also* complained about this article. *He* *was*  
*later* informed that we appreciated helpful  
*an* attitude of the Panamanian authorities in  
the matter of suspect shipping and that  
we would do anything we could to dis-  
courage publicity painful to the Panamanian  
Government. We had, of course, had  
nothing to do with the article in  
question *and could not interfere*  
*with the freedom of the Press.*  
Similar reply was sent to  
the Minister's official note  
and our relations with him  
are now quite cordial

JD May 29

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PANAMA

No. 68

30th May, 1947.

D. 1.25 p.m. 31st May, 1947.

MMMMM

Your telegram No. 63 [of May 20th: Jewish illegal immigration].

Panamanian Minister and Consul-General have both complained about this article. Latter was informed that we appreciated helpful attitude of the Panamanian authorities in the matter of suspect shipping and that we would do anything we could to discourage publicity painful to the Panamanian Government. We had, of course, had nothing to do with the article in question and could not interfere with the freedom of the press. Similar reply was sent to the Minister's official Note and our relations with him are now quite cordial.

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PALESTINE

23 MAY

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

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E4403/84/31

M. Howard

Madrid

352.

22 May 1947

S.S. COLONY TRADER.

Refer to tel 341 (E 4376/84/31). Being to avoid shortage as foreign they may report at any point without express sanction from Madrid competent authorities have assured that they will be refused in case of 'COLONY TRADER' and that its arrival at any Spanish port is to be reported immediately to Madrid.

Last Paper.

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DEPARTMENTAL No.2.

23 MAY

FROM MADRID TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Howard

D: 7.38 p.m. 22nd May, 1947

No. 352

22nd May, 1947

R: 11.05 p.m. 22nd May, 1947

Repeated to Gibraltar.

cc:cc:cc:cc:cc

IMPORTANT.

Your telegram No. 341 about Jewish illegal immigration.

Owing to coal shortage no foreign ship may refuel at any Spanish port without express sanction from Madrid. Competent authorities have assured us that this will be refused in the case of s.s. Tomlinson Trader and that on their instructions its arrival at any Spanish port is to be reported immediately to Madrid, when His Majesty's Embassy will be informed.

*Galley*



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PALESTINE

24 MAY

Registry Number } E. 4413/ <sup>84</sup> ~~31~~

TELEGRAM FROM  
Mr. Collins.  
San Jose.  
No. 28.

Dated }  
Received in Registry } 21. May.  
24 May '47

Illegal immigration - Costa Rican vms.  
Ref: F.O. Tel. N° 17 to San Jose. (E4476/84/31)  
Requests knowledge of reasons for  
which Costa Rican Govt. should be  
asked to cancel registration.

Last Paper.

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E. 4408.

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Ad. San Jose  
✓ 19.  
May 29.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM SAN JOSE TO FOREIGN OFFICE. E 4413

Mr. Coultas.  
No. 28.  
21st May 1947.

D. 5.45 p.m. 21st May 1947.  
R. 2.55 a.m. 22nd May 1947.

W:W:W:W:W

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Your telegram No.17 paragraph 2.

On what grounds should Costa Rican Government be asked to cancel registration?

2. Foreign Office please repeat to Paris and Madrid.

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[Repeated to Paris and Madrid.]



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San José

Telegram

No. 19

Date May 28.

Repeated to:

Tegucigalpa 19.

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Dispatched 11 30 AM

May, 1947.

Your tel. No. 28 [of May 21: Jewish illegal immigration].

Ship is strongly suspected of being involved in the Jewish illegal immigrant traffic owing to her connection with <sup>two</sup> leading Greek organisers of the shipping side of the traffic, Haniotis & Fostinis. She is now reported to be about to be sold to the Florida Steamship Co. and to be transferred to Honduras flag.

2. Panamanian Government have in similar cases cancelled the registration of vessels about which they shared our suspicions. We hoped that Costa Rican Government would do likewise unless they <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ confident that the ship <sup>would</sup> ~~is~~ not be involved in the illegal immigrant traffic.

3. Question of registration is no longer of prime urgency as legislation has been enacted at Gibraltar to detain suspect vessels. You may ~~be~~ receive representations on the subject from the Costa Rican Government.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO SAN JOSÉ

No. 19.

D. 11.50 a.m. 29th May, 1947.

28th May, 1947.

Repeated to Tegucigalpa No. 19.

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Your telegram No. 28 [of May 21st: Jewish illegal immigration].

Ship is strongly suspected of being involved in the Jewish illegal immigrant traffic owing to her connexion with two leading Greek organisers of the shipping side of the traffic, Haniotis and Fostinis. She is now reported to be about to be sold to the Florida Steamship Company and to be transferred to Honduras flag.

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Registry Number } E.4417/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM  
Mr. Jerram,  
Stockholm.  
No. 407Dated 22 May  
Received in Registry } 24 MayJewish Immigration Ships.

Refers to Stockholm telegram No. 403 (E.4359/84/31)  
The Greek Consul, Copenhagen refused to register  
the SAN EUSEDIO and directed ELIADES to apply to the  
Greek shipping Committee in London. Suggests this  
Committee should refuse Greek registration for SAN  
BASILIO and SAN SPYRIDON. Reliable evidence obtained  
that the GEFION not renamed SAN DIMILIOS and is intend-  
for normal trade; owned by SANTESSON.

Last Paper.

E 4403

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E 4418

(Minutes.)

Repealed to Athens.

Let us await Athens reply  
to our tel No. 1133 (Specie  
attached). But we expect  
the Greek Govt. to play on  
this and will continue to  
apply the strongest pressure.

J.S. Beint  
May 28

NB

I have warned the Greek shipping  
Committee <sup>(m. hours: May (sic) 6/61)</sup> of the ships named  
and they assure me they will  
not grant registration

~~Non-registered ships~~  
P.P. 7.0. Minute m'beil 28/5 J.B. June 3

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*G.B.*  
Mr. Burgess

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You told me that the Minister of State had enquired what action has been taken on Athens telegram No. 403, paragraph 6, suggesting that we should prevent certain ships in Scandinavian waters suspected of being involved in the illegal immigrant traffic from securing Greek registration.

We had previously received a most immediate telegram No. 229 from Copenhagen about one of these ships, the "SAN ENSEBIO", ~~and~~ <sup>we</sup> telegraphed that same night to Athens pointing out that the Panamanian registration of this ship had been cancelled at our request and asking that Greek registration should be withheld. We sent a further telegram to Athens on Stockholm telegram No. 403 explaining that all the ships mentioned are ex-Panamanian flag and urging in the strongest terms that the Greek Government should withhold registration. We await a reply to these telegrams and ~~no hold~~ to send a reminder tomorrow if nothing is received. We <sup>have</sup> are also taking <sup>care</sup> the matter up with the Greek Shipping Committee in London, <sup>who are cooperating.</sup>

*NB I think we can count on Greek cooperation. We know already that the "San Enselio" has been ~~refused~~ refused registration at Copenhagen.*

*D. J. Beith  
May 28  
(BEITH)*

Mr Beith.  
*M/S has seen this.*

*G. Burgess. May 30  
(BURGESS)*

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TELEGRAM NO. 407 FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE DATED  
MAY 23RD SHOULD READ:

"Repeated to Copenhagen telegram No. 17".

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

15th June, 1947.

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ADMIRALTY

FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Jerram  
No: 407

D. 3.55.p.m. 22nd May 1947

22nd May 1947

R. 7.55.p.m. 22nd May 1947

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For Director of Naval Intelligence from Naval  
Attaché.

Subject Jewish Immigration ships.

2. Reference Minister's telegram No: 403 to  
Foreign Office. It now transpires that Greek Consul  
Copenhagen refused to register the San Eusedio and directed  
Eliades to apply to Greek Shipping Committee in London.

3. Suggest it be arranged this committee refuses  
the Greek registration for San Basilio and San  
Spyridon if applied for.

4. Owners of Gefion now established as Santesson.  
She has been [grp.undec] covertly inspected in dock by  
completely reliable person who reports there is no  
evidence whatever on board that she has been renamed San  
Dimilios and good evidence that she is intended for normal  
Baltic trade and not for Jew running.

5. Admiralty please inform Foreign Office.

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TELEGRAM FROM Lord Inverchapel Washington. No. 2992

Dated 20 May Received in Registry } 24 May.

S.S. FLORESTA.

Refers to Montevideo telegram No. 18 (AS 2927/2927/46)

Number of requests for registration received. These were the first indication of agreement between U.K. Government and Government of Honduras. Lists details that have been requested from applicants. Honduranian Ambassador in Washington informed that there is no objection in seemingly harmless cases though difficult cases will be referred to F.O.

Last Paper.

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DEPARTMENTAL ~~NO. 1817~~

FROM WASHINGTON TO MONTEVIDEO.

AS  
MAY 22 1947

Lord Inverchapel.  
No. 3

20th May 1947.

D. 10.5 p.m. 20th May 1947.  
R. 5.30 a.m. 21st May 1947.

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Repeated to Foreign Office No. 2992.

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AS 2998  
MAY 22 1947

Your telegram No. 18 S.S. Floresta.

We have had a number of similar requests here which were the first indication we received of this agreement, and have written to Foreign Office to ask for urgent guidance in policy to be followed.

2. Details we have been requesting from applicants are:

Names of firms and their directors;

Gross tonnage of vessels (which is very important);

Intended destination and trade; Period of employment in the trade;

And intentions as regards transfer of title to or charter to third parties.

3. We have so far contented ourselves with informing the Honduranian Ambassador in Washington orally that we see no objection in cases which seem to be harmless but it will obviously be difficult to assess evidence in some cases which may accordingly have to be referred to the Foreign Office.

4. If the Foreign Office agrees, each mission will presumably inform local Honduranian representative of our approval - orally if possible - after clearance of any applications which may be received.

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TELEGRAM FROM Lord Inverchapel. Washington.

No. 3029. Dated 22 May, 1947

Received in Registry } 24 May, 1947

Illegal Immigrant Ships: s.s. "Floresta."

Refers Washington telegram No. 2992 (AS. 2998/2927/46) States approval should be given to the transaction by Washington Embassy. Requests guidance, and suggests owners might be Greeks wishing to escape Greek taxation Does not wish to appear to connive in such cases, as latter may nullify U.S. aid to Greece.

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Co.

I have spoken to Miss Streetfield of M.I. 5 about the FLORESTA. M.I. 5 have never heard of her and point out that her tonnage (7105) is greater than that of vessels normally employed by the illegal immigration organization. I have, accordingly, sent a telegram to Washington stating that we have no objection to FLORESTA and that the question of general policy is now under discussion.

*[Signature]*  
(S.E. CARLISLE)  
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Now see also E4326/84/31

*[Signature]*  
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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MAY 19 1947  
23 MAY 1947

Lord Inverchapel

No. 3029

D. 9.00 p.m. 22nd May, 1947.

22nd May, 1947.

R. 4.5 a.m. 23rd May, 1947.

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My telegram No. 2992.

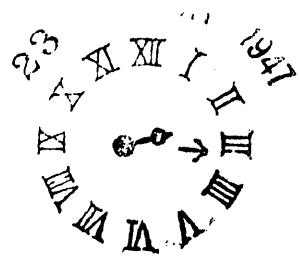
S.S Floresta.

South American Trading Co., who are the New York representatives of the firm named in the first paragraph of Montevideo telegram No. 18 to me have informed us that they understand that approval should be given to the transaction by the British Embassy Washington. This is required urgently since registration must apparently be completed by the end of May.

2. If there is any objection to Honduranian representative or Consul in Montevideo I feel that it would be better for clearance to be given locally in each case, after reference if necessary to you.

3. I should greatly appreciate early guidance on the whole question (see Chancery letter to Eastern Department of May 16th) since applications continue to come in. One further complication which occurs to me is that the principals in some of these transactions might be Greeks desirous of escaping Greek taxation. We do not want to appear to connive in such practices, which might be regarded as nullifying to some extent. United States aid to the Greeks.

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No. 5240

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Your telegram NO. 3029 of 22nd May:  
SS. FLORESTA

There is no objection to  
the S.S. FLORESTA receiving  
Honduranian registry.

2. The question of the general  
policy to be followed by you  
when dealing with such  
applications is now under  
discussion and instructions will  
be sent to you as soon as  
possible.

*[Signature]*  
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No. 5240

28th May, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 3029 [of 22nd May: S.S. Floresta].

There is no objection to the S.S. Floresta receiving Honduran registry.

2. The question of the general policy to be followed by you when dealing with such applications is now under discussion and instructions will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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PALESTINE

26 MAY

Registry Number } E. 4421/84/31.

TELEGRAM FROM

H.M. Consul,  
No. Genoa,  
25.

Dated 23 May, 1947.

Received in Registry } 26 May, 1947.

Illegal Immigrant Ships: s.s. "Kera".

Refers to F.O. telegram No. 33 to Genoa.  
(E 4214/84/31)  
S.s. Kera is owned by Gasparinatos but a Greek,  
Spyros Potamianos, is financially interested, and  
is negotiating sale through Jewish agent, Dandria,  
on condition p that if she successfully runs the  
blockade, Potamianos re-buys her at reduced price.

Last Paper.

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References.

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- ~~Mr Lloyd~~ } C.O.
- ~~Mr. Duffell Smith~~ }
- ~~Mr. Hughes~~ }
- ~~Mr. Colgate~~ } H.O.
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- ~~Mr. Leighton~~ }
- ~~Mr. Dodds~~ } A.C.G.
- ~~Mr. Channell~~ }
- ~~Mr. Callhorne~~ } W.O.
- ~~Mr. Charteris~~ }
- ~~Mr. Roberts~~ } M.I.5
- ~~Mr. Selver~~ } P.T.O.

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*(Minutes.)*  
I have spoken to Mr. Barker of Constant & Constant, the solicitors in charge of the case (Agreement 1191), about this. He believes that Mr. Neill will, by now, have all the details he requires, but will cable to confirm this.  
I also discussed with him the legal position in the event of a sale. He is not certain whether, under Italian law, it is possible to put an arrest on a ship for debts owed by a previous owner, once the change of ownership has taken place. He is making enquiries on this point.

He informs me, however, that the signature of the local Panamanian Consul will be required before the sale is legally valid. I suggest that we should telegraph to Genoa instructing H.M. Consul General to try and persuade his Panamanian colleague to refuse his consent.

I submit draft telegram accordingly.

*[Signature]*  
(J.E.-CABLE)  
27/5

Spoken to Sr. Morales

Draft amended

*[Signature]* May 27

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DEPARTMENTAL No. <sup>26</sup> MAY

FROM GENOA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul-General

No. 25

D. 5.40 p.m. 23rd May 1947.

23rd May 1947.

R. 11.10 p.m. 23rd May 1947.

Repeated to Rome No. 25

[? grp.omitted ? Lisbon] No. 68

TTTTT

Your telegram No. 33. E 4214/84/31.

Have contacted Neill who states that he is unable to act without more details than have at present been supplied him but I have given him a letter which should assist him in carrying out his clients wishes. I will telegraph progress. Following information however has been supplied by fairly reliable source. Although Kera owned Gasparinates a Greek named Spyros Petamianes at present in Genoa is also financially interested in her and is at present negotiating her sale to Jewish organisation through Dandria well-known Jewish agent for £80,000 on condition that if she successfully runs the blockade with a cargo of 1,200 Jews, Petamianes is to buy her back for £40,000. She is still here and Dandria is to sign the contract tomorrow. She is not expected to leave Genoa for about a fortnight when she will proceed to Leghorn to be fitted with bunk.

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Draft.

H.M. Consul-General  
GENOVA

IMMEDIATE

Telegram.

No. 34

(Date) May 27th

Repeat to:-

PANAMA no 66  
ROME no 1100

~~In Clair.~~

~~Code.~~

~~Cypher.~~

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and I.I.P.

Copies to:-

your telegram NO. 25 [of 23rd May:  
illegal immigrant ship KORA]

CONSTANT and CONSTANT state  
that NEIL should now possess all  
necessary details but are telegraphing  
him to confirm this.

2. As KORA possesses PANAMANIAN  
registry, counter-signature of PANAMANIAN  
consul will be required before  
her sale can be considered  
legally valid. You should make  
every effort to ~~request~~ <sup>dissuade</sup> your  
Panamanian colleague ~~from~~ not to  
give his consent to sale,  
explaining the position in detail.  
We have taken the matter up  
with Panamanian Consul-  
Gen.

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Cpen. in London, who is asking his Govt. to send ~~the~~ instructions in the sense required to their Consul in Genoa.

JB, May 27

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO GENOA

No. 34

27th May, 1947.

D. 7.35 p.m. 27th May, 1947.

Repeated to Panama No.66  
Rome No.1100.

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IMMEDIATE

Your telegram No.25 [of 23rd May: illegal immigrant ship Kora].

Constant and Constant state that Neill should now possess all necessary details but are telegraphing him to confirm this.

2. As Kora possesses Panamanian registry, counter-signature of Panamanian Consul will be required before her sale can be considered legally valid. You should make request your Panamanian colleague not to give his consent to sale, explaining the position in detail. We have taken the matter up with Panamanian Consul General in London, who is asking his Government to send instructions in the sense required to their Consul in Genoa.

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PALESTINE

Registry Number } E.4431/84/31.

TELEGRAM FROM  
Mr. Jerram.  
(STOCKHOLM).  
No. 413.

Dated 23 May, 1947.  
Received in Registry } 26 May, 1947.

Illegal Immigrant Ships.

H.M. Minister requested Greek Minister in Stockholm to prevent Greek registration of San Basilio, and San Spraiden, if applied for in Sweden. Greek Minister denied all knowledge of notorious Greek Eliades, which is hard to believe as latter is frequent and wellknown visitor to Stockholm. Also states that "Companie Cerre Pande de Panama does not exist but is cover for Jew running activities of Swedish Svea Line. This is considered possible but unlikely. Requests Admiralty view on truth of this.

Last Paper.

E 4429

(Minutes.)

Repeated to Athens

JD, May 28

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- 8 Gen. Pollock (M.E.I.D.)
- Sir T. Lloyd (C.O.)
- Mr. Trafford Smith (C.O.)
- Mr. Hyslop (C.O.)
- Mr. Prestige (H.O.)
- Mr. Puka (H.O.)
- Mr. L. H. H. (Adm.)
- Mr. Dodds (Adm.)
- Mr. Bannell (Adm.)
- Mr. Balthrop (W.O.)
- Mr. Chanters (W.O.)
- Mr. Robertsons (M.I.S.)
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Mr Wood } Mr V/T.  
Mr Gawney }  
Col. Oldfield } Room 17.  
Mr Murray }  
Col. Evered } Cab Office  
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TELEGRAM NO. 415 FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE DATED

MAY 25RD SHOULD READ:

"Repeated to Copenhagen telegram No. 18".

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT,

June 15th. 1947.

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ADMIRALTY

FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Jerram  
No. 415.  
May 23rd, 1947.

D. 6.36 p.m. May 23rd, 1947.  
R. 10.30 p.m. May 23rd, 1947.

JJJ

For D.N.I. from Naval Attaché.

Subject Jewish immigration ships.

2. Reference Minister's 403 to Foreign Office. His Majesty's Minister asked Greek Minister here to delay and if possible prevent Greek registration of San Basilio San Spraidon if applied for in Sweden.

3. Greek Minister who expresses (repeat expresses) anglophile sentiments wrote out a telegram to Athens asking that if registration of these ships was applied for in Greece it should not be granted if avoidable and if not avoidable British Government should be warned. Whether telegram was actually sent is not known.

4. Greek Minister promised to instruct to [sic] Greek Consuls in Sweden and Denmark not to register without reference to him.

5. Greek Minister denied all knowledge of notorious Greek Eliades which is hard to believe as the latter is frequent and well known visitor to Stockholm.

6. Greek Minister states categorically that Companie Cerro Pando de Panama does not (repeat not) exist but is cover for Jew running activities of Swedish Svea Line, a large concern and originally registered owners of ships later sold to Eliades of Cerro Pando for Jew running. This is considered possible but unlikely and if untrue indicates the intention of deception by Greek Minister. Request I be informed of Admiralty view of truth of this as it affects tactics of investigations here.

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FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Henderson D. 6.45 p.m. 27th May, 1947  
No. 420 R. 11.30 p.m. 27th May, 1947  
27th May, 1947

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Please pass my telegrams Nos. 403, 407 and 415 to High Commissioner Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 1, 2 and 5 respectively.

[Copies of telegrams Nos. 403, 407 and 415 sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem].

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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PALESTINE

27 MAY

Registry Number } E 4448/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

Lin. A. C. Carter

No.

Road

Dated

1183

Received in Registry

26 May 1947

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President - W. Warfield

Refer Road Ed 1181 (E 4448/84/31) States Italian Port Authorities saying that President Warfield has sufficient fuel oil for 15 days sailing. Fact that she has applied for 150 tons above those sailing bunkers provides further evidence of master's intention to make for Palestine.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

This will no doubt come up at Friday's meeting  
bu. May 30

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DEPARTMENTAL No.2

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Charles  
No.1183

D. 1.47 p.m. 26th May, 1947  
R. 4.35 p.m. 26th May, 1947

26th May, 1947.

Repeated to Paris.

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IMMEDIATE

SECRET

My telegram No. 1181.

Jewish illegal immigration.

Italian port authorities now say after inspecting bunkers of President Warfield that she already has sufficient fuel oil for 15 days sailing. The fact that she has applied to the Italian Government for 150 tons over and above these existing bunkers provides further clear evidence for the Italian Government if they need it, of the Master's intention to make for Palestine if possible.

2. I fear that the Italian Government would have no legal grounds for removing oil from the ship's existing bunkers in order to leave only enough for her to reach Marseilles although I am making clear to the Italian Government that we should like them to take this course if possible. The point is therefore not one which can be pressed [? ed gp omd. ] .

3. Meanwhile I understand that the British Naval authorities are unable to keep warship immobilised in the neighbourhood of Porto Venera indefinitely and are arranging with the Italian Naval authorities for an Italian vessel to take its place (see my telegram No.1120).

Foreign Office please repeat to Paris important as my telegram No.100.

[Repeated to Paris.]

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PALESTINE

Registry Number } E4447/84/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No. Sir. A. Charles

Dated Rome

Received in Registry } 1181  
26 May 1947  
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U.S. President Warfield  
Refer Rome tel 1119 (E4421/84/31) State ship still at Port venere, but has applied to Italian Govt Petroleum Agency for 150 tons of fuel oil, which would probably be enough to take her to Palestine. Global Airlines have ordered inspection of plane basket for correct amount of oil aboard.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Now see E4446

JB May 28

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2.

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir N. Charles. D. 1.18 p.m. 26th May, 1947.  
No. 1181.  
26th May, 1947. R. 4.30 p.m. 26th May, 1947.

Repeated to Paris.

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IMMEDIATE.

My telegram No. 1119: Jewish Illegal Immigration.

Steamship President Warfield, is still at Portovenere but has applied to the Italian Government Petroleum Agency for 150 tons of fuel oil which so far as we can judge would be enough to take her to Palestine.

2. The Italian authorities have ordered an inspection of the ship's bunkers to ascertain how much oil she already has and say she will only be supplied with additional amount sufficient to reach Marseilles.

3. On your instructions I asked the Italian Government on April 25th to withhold all fuel oil from suspect ships (reference my telegram No. 946). However, in the case of President Warfield we have already agreed to the Italian proposal to let her go back under supervision to Marseilles. The Italians will certainly argue that this entails the [gp. undec.] allowing her enough fuel [gp. undec.] her existing bunker to make the voyage to Marseilles. Would you be content if this particular ship were given minimum fuel on this basis? Or do you want me to forcibly deny all fuel only falling back on Marseilles quota if the Italian authorities refuse as we think they will?

Foreign Office please repeat to Paris as my telegram No. 99 Important.

[Repeated to Paris].

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TELEGRAM FROM

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Dated

Received in Registry

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M. E. Elion

Panama

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26 May 1947

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U.S. "North Lands"

Refer, Rome tel 1173 (E4445/84/31), Panamanian  
govt inform 'North Lands' was transferred in  
1942 from Panamanian to Swedish registry  
and is not now Panamanian.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2

FROM PANAMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Mr. Ellison  
No. 66

D. 11.25 a.m. 26th May, 1947.

26th May, 1947.

R. 7.05 p.m. 26th May, 1947.

Repeated to : Rome

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Rome telegram No. 1173.

Panamanian Government informs me Northlands was transferred in 1942 from Panamanian to Swedish registry and is not (repeat not) now Panamanian.

Foreign Office please pass Rome as my telegram No. 1.

[Repeated to Rome.]



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PALESTINE

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FROM

Howard

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Genes Ad

Dated

Received in Registry

22 May 1947

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S.S. KORA

Refer PV letter (E 4214/84/31) State have placed matter in hands of Messrs Constant and Constant. The necessary instructions have been sent to their agent in Geneva. Will advise result of action in due course.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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22nd May 1947.

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The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
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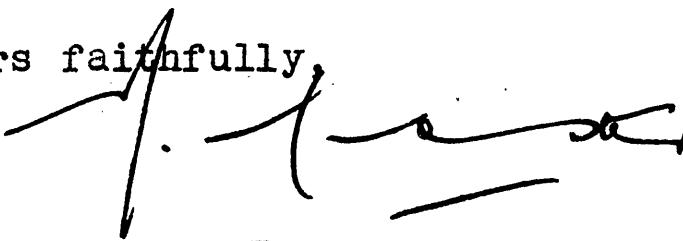
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Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday quoting a message received from Messrs. Norton & Co. Ltd. of Lisbon to me.

I have placed this matter in the hands of Messrs. Constant & Constant, City Lawyers, and I understand they have been in touch with you by telephone. The necessary instructions have been sent to their Agents in Genoa, and I am now waiting a reply as to whether these have been put into effect, and if so the result. I will see that you are advised in due course of the result of this action.

Yours faithfully,



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FROM

F.O.

No.

Minute

Dated

R.O. Henderson

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May 21

May 29

Illegal Immigration Publicity.

discusses circular telegram on Illegal Immigration. Gives list of proposed basic circulation.

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Mr Beith, Eastern Department.

With reference to our telephone conversation about the circular telegram on illegal immigration to Palestine, the following is the basic circulation we would propose:-

1. Countries on the committee of enquiry.
2. Countries represented on the Security Council.
3. Countries from which illegal immigration is being carried out.
4. Countries under whose flags immigrant ships are sailing.
5. European posts.
- ? 6. Singapore.

M.E.I.D. have not the names of the eleven countries (1) immediately available, so perhaps you will deal with this.

*R Attender*

*R AMENDERSON*

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Circular Telegram

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

In view of the crucial importance of ~~the~~ <sup>the immigration</sup>

~~Telegram.~~

issue ~~in relation~~ to the whole Palestine question,

No. ....

We should now give all possible publicity to this ~~undecidable aspect of it.~~ <sup>illegal traffic.</sup>

(Date) .....

Repeat to :—

2. Objects of such publicity are to demonstrate that ~~this illegal~~ <sup>the</sup> traffic is jeopardising

the possibility of finding any solution to the

Palestine problem and to make it clear in all

countries, and particularly in the countries from

which illegal immigration ~~is being carried on,~~ <sup>takes place</sup>

that this is a racket largely organised and

financed by Zionists in the U.S., themselves in

no personal danger, who are persuading <sup>promises</sup> ~~by false~~

~~publicities~~ <sup>the displaced persons of Europe</sup> to sell

all their property and belongings and embark in

search of a "land flowing with milk and honey"

where as in fact they are herded in overcrowded,

unseaworthy vessels without regard to conditions

or safety of life. The vessels are almost always

intercepted and their ~~human cargo~~ <sup>passengers transhipped</sup> diverted to

Cyprus.

3. We [are preparing] to supply you with information

to support this line of publicity and so far as

possible to put it out also through the B.B.C.

and other services in this country.

4. Meanwhile you should give such publicity

as possible to communique issued in Bucharest

by Jewish Democratic Front and published in

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PALESTINE

Registry Number

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FROM

By Willard

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Paris  
to Mr. Reich  
23 May 1947  
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'SAN DEMITRIO'

Encloses copy of note of April 28 from  
my Foreign Affairs, re 'San Demitrio'.

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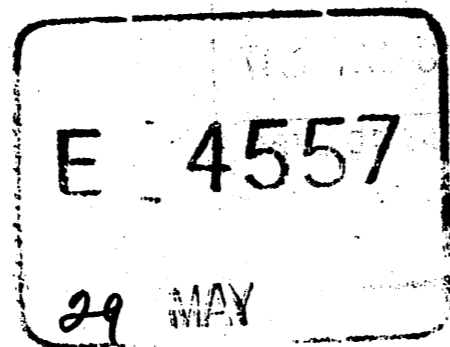
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23rd May, 1947. 49



My dear Beith,

I enclose copies of a Note of 28th April from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs about the "San Dimitrio". I am sorry it has been held up so long, but at this stage I think it is so much water under the bridge?

Yours ever,

*Guy Millard*

*for* G.A. Crossley.

J.G.S. Beith, Esq.,

Eastern Department,

Foreign Office.

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W.S.  
D.B.

Refer Montevideo tel 19 (E 4443/84/31)  
States have received oral assurance from South  
American Trading Co. that ship will not  
be used in the Med. He is to carry grain  
between Buenos Aires, Cape Horn and Durban.  
Have informed Honduran Ambassador, no objection  
to removal Honduran registry.  
ADDRESSED MONTEVIDEO N° 5

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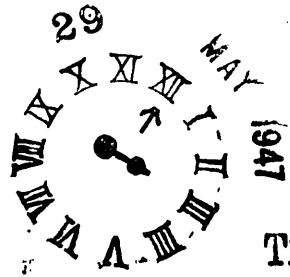
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Your telegram No. 19. *AS per E 4573 3/24/31*  
S.S. Florwork. ?

We have received oral assurance from South American Trading Corporation, New York agents for Uruguayan principals that ship will not be used in the Mediterranean. She is to carry grain between Buenos Aires, Cape Town and Durban. After consultation here we have informed this firm and Honduran Ambassador in Washington orally that we see no objection to permanent Honduran registry.



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